

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the cited full paragraphs as follows:

[0039] FIG. 5 is a schematic view of the invention, where the items are relatively displaced sidewardly on a V-shaped conveyor; **and**

[0040] FIG. 6 is a diagram showing the measured data for the item boundary detection, **[.]. and**

Please insert the following new paragraph:

**[0040.1] FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a portion cutter using boundary markers embodying another aspect of the invention.**